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January 4 is deadline to register for Sewage Sludge Hauling workshop in Lafayette

BATON ROUGE – The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality is sponsoring a free program concerning new regulations for sewage sludge haulers and others involved in the sewage sludge hauling and disposal. Facility owners, operators, drivers, and the owners of any wastewater treatment facility that accepts sewage sludge should attend. The workshop will be held Thursday, Jan. 7 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. at Clifton Chenier Center, Building C, 220 Willow Street, Lafayette.

The purpose of the seminar is to discuss the regulations regarding the registration of sewage sludge haulers, how to properly fill out the registration form and monitoring and reporting requirements for both the haulers and the designated receiving facilities. The registration and monitoring and reports are necessary to ascertain that the hauled sewage sludge is properly disposed and/or handled for the protection of human health and the environment.

It is important to understand the new rules and regulations because, if a hauler, who is presently actively hauling sewage sludge, is not registered or approved by DEQ, the hauler is in violation of the biosolids regulations and can face fines and penalties. If a receiving facility is not permitted or has not applied and been approved by DEQ, the facility is in violation of the biosolids regulations and or the Louisiana Pollution Discharge Elimination System regulations and could receive fines and penalties.

Participants must register by Jan. 4. To register send your name, address, organization, phone number and email address to LDEQ Small Business Assistance Program, P O Box 4313, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-4313. Information may be faxed to 225-219-3971. For questions or more information, please call 1-800-259-2890. All participants will receive Department of Health and Hospitals continuing education credits and will receive a certificate of completion. This workshop will be scheduled in other areas of the state at later dates.

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